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SUBJECT: FRENCH MILITARY FLIGHT THROUGH CORRIDORS TO
EAST BERLIN

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1. FRENCH EMBASSY REP INFORMED EMBOFF AUGUST 22 THAT
THE FRENCH FONOFF HAD DECIDED THAT THE PROPOSED FLIGHT
BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT FAURE TO EAST BERLIN
VIA THE CORRIDORS IN A FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT WAS A
GOOD IDEA. THE FRENCH REP SAID THAT THE FRENCH EMBASSIES
IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON WOULD BE MAKING DEMARCHES
ON THE SUBJECT IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN BRITISH AND US
CONCURRENCE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. FRENCH REP
SAID THE QUAI'S DECISION WAS BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT
USE OF THE CORRIDORS BY ALLIED MILITARY FOR LANDINGS
IN EAST BERLIN COULD ESTABLISH A VERY USEFUL AND POSI-
TIVE PRECEDENT FOR THE WESTERN POWERS. EMBOFF EXPRESSED
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HIS SKEPTICISM BUT SAID HE WOULD REPORT FRENCH REP'S

INFORMATION.

2. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL IS A THOROUGHLY BAD IDEA. JUST WHAT SORT OF POSITIVE PRECEDENT WOULD BE SET IS HARD FOR US TO SEE FROM HERE. IN FACT, WE CAN SEE SEVERAL POTENTIALLY NEGATIVE PRECEDENTS. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT THE DEPARTMENT TAKE A FIRM OPPOSING VIEW TO THE FRENCH REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE.
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